

This came from a small blog, under a different pen name, that I've started not too long ago. Due to the lack of pageviews, I'm presenting it here on archive.org (as well as Wattpad a short while back). I'm not too sure if this qualifies as an essay though. Anyway, here it is:

Conspiracy theorist's claim: *The Jews are in control of the world. As evidenced by the fact that most U.S. foreign aid goes to Israel.*

One of the most common claims touted by the Zion Conspiracy theorists is that Israel gets the most foreign aid from the United States. It is true that Israel is the top receiver of U.S. Foreign aid (about 2.4 billion dollars as of 2009, according to the U.S. Census Bureau), but they're not receiving 51% or greater of the pie chunk. In fact, there's a total of 45 billion dollars worth of foreign aid that is being distributed by the U.S across the world as of 2009. Israel receives 2.4 billion dollars worth, and it gets only about 5% of the pie. If Jews are really in control of the whole world, then why does Israel get so little of this aid? To put it in perspective, the national debt for 2009 was about 11.9 trillion. Therefore, it appears that foreign aid (military and economic aid) is *bupkis* in the bigger picture of the United States budget, Israel included.

I am not arguing that the United States should hand out more, or less, foreign aid. Again, I'm just pointing out a simple fact. Another thing that needs to be taken note is that Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Pakistan also receives foreign aid; and the last time that I have checked, there was at least one war (which lasted six days) between Israel and the predominately-Islamic nations of Egypt, Jordan and others. In 2009, Egypt received about 1.8 billion dollars in foreign aid, mostly military which is about 1.3 billion, and Jordan received about 816 million. So, I ask the Zion Conspiracy theorists this question. Did our Jewish overlords become less stingy? Maybe a change of heart? Maybe they saw the suffering in the Middle East and someone said, "Hey, it's too miserable in this *schmatta* of a country. Let's try to add a little bit of green around here!" and decided to spread that green around the world instead of putting it back into their pockets?

I realize that this claim is also similar to the one trumpeted out by some "Islam-Fascist" conspiracy theorists, mostly anonymous news comments and whatnot, except their cabal is consisted of Islamic Fundamentalists. They may have a much more solid foundation with this kind of a claim (Egypt, Jordan and other Islamic nations combined receive a lot more aid than Israel) but the big problem with this is that they face the same two pitfalls that the Zion Conspiracy theorist faces. U.S. foreign aid is a very small portion of the national budget when comparing foreign aid to the U.S. national debt. Also, the fact that Israel is receiving a lot of its support from the United States in the form of military aid shoots down this Islam-Fascist conspiracy claim, literally.

Resources:

http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/cats/foreign_commerce_aid/foreign_aid.html

<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/2012/tables/12s1299.pdf>

http://www.bea.gov/iTable/index_nipa.cfm

http://www.treasurydirect.gov/govt/reports/pd/histdebt/histdebt_histo5.htm